

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA  
BRUNSWICK DIVISION**

SHARON NAUGHTON,	)	
	)	
Plaintiffs,	)	
	)	
v.	)	CIVIL ACTION NO. _____
	)	
QUYNHANH H.T. PHAM, M.D. AND	)	JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
PHAM GENERAL SURGERY, P.C.,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

**COMPLAINT**

NOW COMES SHARON NAUGHTON, Plaintiff in the above-styled action, and files her claim for damages against QUYNHANH H.T. PHAM, M.D. and PHAM GENERAL SURGERY, P.C., Defendants in the above-styled action, and show this Honorable Court the following as her Complaint:

**I.**

**PARTIES, JURISDICTION, AND VENUE**

1.

Plaintiff Sharon Naughton is a citizen of the State of Pennsylvania.

2.

At all times relevant herein, Defendant Quynhanh H.T. Pham, M.D. was a citizen of the State of Georgia and may be served with process at 144 West Cherry Street, Jesup, Georgia 31545.

3.

The Defendant Pham General Surgery, P.C. is a Professional Corporation organized under

the laws of the State of Georgia and may be served with by and through its corporate officer, Quynhanh H.T. Pham, M.D. at 144 West Cherry Street, Jesup, Georgia 31545.

4.

This Court has jurisdiction of this civil action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1332 because the amount in controversy exceeds the sum of \$75,000.00, exclusive of interest and costs, and is between citizens of different States.

5.

This Court has jurisdiction over the Defendants Quynhanh H.T. Pham, M.D. and Pham General Surgery, P.C. because they were citizens of the State of Georgia at all times relevant herein, the tortious act occurred in Georgia resulting in an injury in Georgia, and the exercise of jurisdiction over the Defendants will not offend traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice.

6.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1391(b) venue is proper in this Judicial District.

## II.

### **FACTS SUPPORTING CAUSES OF ACTION**

7.

On May 9, 2016, Sharon Naughton underwent a colonoscopy procedure performed by Quynhanh H.T. Pham, M.D. at Wayne Memorial Hospital in Jesup, Georgia.

8.

At all times relevant herein, Quynhanh H.T. Pham, M.D. was an employee of Pham General Surgery, P.C., and Pham General Surgery, P.C. is vicariously liable for the acts of its employees, agents and/or representatives including, but not limited to, Defendant Quynhanh H.T. Pham, M.D.

under the Doctrine of Respondent Superior.

9.

The colonoscopy performed on May 9, 2016 on Sharon Naughton was incomplete and Quynhanh H.T. Pham, M.D., Individually and as an employee of Pham General Surgery, P.C. did not fully evaluate Mrs. Naughton's right colon during the colonoscopy procedure.

### **III.**

#### **CAUSES OF ACTION**

10.

Defendant Quynhanh H.T. Pham, M.D., Individually and as an employee of Pham General Surgery, P.C. had a duty to adhere to the standard of care generally employed by surgeons performing colonoscopy procedures in the United States of America in 2016 under similar conditions and like circumstances by performing another colonoscopy or performing a virtual colonoscopy and/or barium enema to evaluate the right side of Sharon Naughton's right colon following the incomplete colonoscopy performed on May 9, 2016.

11.

Defendant, Quynhanh H.T. Pham, M.D., Individually and as an employee of Pham General Surgery, P.C. breached that duty and violated the standard of care generally employed in the medical profession under similar and like circumstances in her care and treatment of Sharon Naughton by failing to fully evaluate Sharon Naughton's right colon after her May 9, 2016 incomplete colonoscopy by either repeating the colonoscopy or performing a virtual colonoscopy and/or barium enema to evaluate the right side of her colon. (See Affidavit of Jonathan P. Pearl, M.D. attached hereto as Exhibit "A" setting forth at least one negligent act or omission against Defendants

Quynhanh H.T. Pham, M.D. and Pham General Surgery, P.C. pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 9-11-9.1 to the extent such is required.)

12.

As a result of this breach and violation of the standard of care by Defendants Quynhanh H.T. Pham, M.D., Individually and as an employee of Pham General Surgery, P.C., and Pham General Surgery, P.C., Plaintiff Sharon Naughton suffered injury in that her cancerous lesion which was present in her right colon on May 9, 2016 was not timely diagnosed or treated when it would have been at a curable stage when Sharon Naughton could have been cured but as a result of the lesion present in Sharon Naughton's right colon not being timely diagnosed or treated, her colon cancer progressed to stage IV metastatic colon cancer and spread to her liver when it was diagnosed on September 21, 2017.

13.

As a result of this breach and violation of the standard of care by Defendants Quynhanh H.T. Pham, M.D., Individually and as an employee of Pham General Surgery, P.C. and Pham General Surgery, P.C., Plaintiff Sharon Naughton has incurred and continues to incur medical expenses.

14.

As a result of this breach of the violation of the standard of care by Defendants Quynhanh H.T. Pham, M.D., Individually and as an employee of Pham General Surgery, P.C. and Pham General Surgery, P.C., Plaintiff Sharon Naughton has suffered and continues to suffered physical and mental pain and suffering.

**IV.**

**DAMAGES**

15.

As a result of the negligent acts and omissions of Defendants Quynhanh H.T. Pham, M.D., Individually and as an employee of Pham General Surgery, P.C. and Pham General Surgery, P.C., Plaintiff Sharon Naughton is entitled to special damages for her past, present, and future medical expenses in an amount to be proven.

16.

As a result of the negligent acts and omissions of Defendants Quynhanh H.T. Pham, M.D., Individually and as an employee of Pham General Surgery, P.C. and Pham General Surgery, P.C., Plaintiff Sharon Naughton is entitled to general damages for her past, present, and future physical and mental pain and suffering in an amount to be determined by a jury.

**V.**

**PRAYER**

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays that:

- A) That Summons and Process be issued on this Complaint and served on the Defendants along with a copy of the Complaint;
- B) That the issues herein be tried by a Jury;
- C) That Plaintiff Sharon Naughton have Judgment against Defendants for General Damages and Special Damages as set forth in this Complaint;
- D) That Plaintiff Sharon Naughton have Judgment against Defendants in excess of \$75,000.00, exclusive of interest and costs;

- E) That all Cost of Court be taxed against Defendants; and
- F) Such other and further relief the Court deems just and equitable.

This 9th day of April, 2018.

BERGEN & BERGEN, PC

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STATE OF MARYLAND                     )  
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COUNTY OF BALTIMORE                )

**AFFIDAVIT OF JONATHAN P. PEARL, M.D.**

COMES NOW, JONATHAN P. PEARL, M.D., after being duly sworn by the undersigned Notary Public in the jurat hereof, and while under oath deposes and says as follows:

1. My name is Jonathan P. Pearl, M.D. I am over the age of 18 and give this Affidavit of my own personal knowledge and understanding of the matters testified to herein.

2. I am a medical doctor duly licensed to practice medicine in the State of Maryland, and I have been so continuously licensed to practice medicine since 2005 to the present. I am a Diplomate of the American Board of Surgery. I have been actively engaged in and continuously practiced medicine in the specialty of general surgery and performing colonoscopies and cared for such patients following colonoscopies since 2005 to the present which includes three of the five years preceeding May 9, 2016 with sufficient frequency to establish appropriate level of the knowledge of the Standard of Care generally employed in the medical profession under similar and like circumstances for general surgeons practicing in the United States of America for the year 2016 who perform colonoscopies and care for patients following colonoscopies which is the same procedure and care that Sharon Naughton underwent on May 9, 2016 at Wayne Memorial Hospital in Jesup, Georgia by Quynhanh H. T. Pham, M.D. A copy of my curriculum vitae showing my professional and educational qualifications that I make as part of this Affidavit is attached hereto.

3. I have reviewed the following relating to Sharon Naughton's care and treatment:

1. Medical records of Wayne Memorial Hospital for May7, 2016 Admission;



2. Medical records of Wayne Memorial Hospital for August 4, 2016 Admission;
3. Medical records of Wayne Memorial Hospital for September 18, 2017 Admission;
4. Medical records of Wayne Memorial Hospital for October 11, 2017 Admission;
5. Color Copy of the May 9, 2016 Colonoscopy Report; and,
6. Pham General Surgery, P.C. medical records for March 22, 2016 through November 17, 2017.

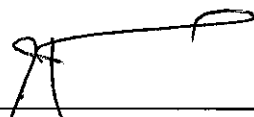
4. Based upon my medical education, training, and experience and review of the medical records identified in Paragraph 3 of this affidavit, it is my professional opinion, within a reasonable degree of medical certainty, that Quynhanh H. T. Pham, M.D., individually and as an employee of Pham General Surgery, P.C. failed to adhere to the standard of care generally employed in the medical profession under similar or like circumstances by general surgeons who perform colonoscopies in the United States for the year 2016 by failing to fully evaluate Ms. Naughton's right colon after her May 9, 2016 incomplete colonoscopy by either repeating the colonoscopy or performing a virtual colonoscopy and/or barium enema to evaluate her right side of her colon. As a result of Dr. Pham, individually and as an employee of Pham General Surgery, P.C. failing to perform any of the aforesaid follow up studies after the May 9, 2016 incomplete colonoscopy performed at Wayne Memorial Hospital, Ms. Naughton's cancerous lesion present in her right colon was not timely diagnosed or treated which resulted in her colon cancer to progress to a Stage IV metastatic colon cancer with spread to her liver.

5. The factual basis for my opinions set forth above in paragraph (4) of this affidavit is derived from the items identified in Paragraph 3 of this affidavit which reflects that Dr. Pham, individually and as an employee of Pham General Surgery, P.C. did not follow up with a repeat colonoscopy or performing a virtual colonoscopy, and/or barium enema to evaluate the right side

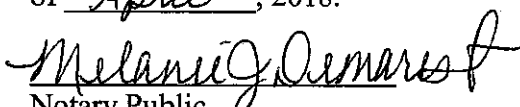


of her colon following Ms. Naughton's incomplete May 9, 2016 colonoscopy which would have revealed a cancerous lesion in the right side of her colon at a curable stage. At the time of her diagnosis in September 2017, her cancer had spread to a Stage IV Colon Cancer with distant metastasis. As a result of Dr. Pham, individually and as an employee of Pham General Surgery, P.C. failing to meet the standard of care generally employed in the medical profession under similar or like circumstances in 2016 by not having the aforesaid follow up studies of Ms. Naughton's colon following the May 9, 2016 incomplete colonoscopy, her earlier Stage Colon Cancer was not timely diagnosed nor treated which would have prevented it from advancing to a Stage IV Metastatic Colon Cancer with spread to her liver.

6. This Affidavit is given for the purpose of complying with O.C.G.A. §9-11-9.1 and is not dispositive of my opinions.

  
 JONATHAN P. PEARL, M.D.

Sworn to and subscribed  
 before me this 4<sup>th</sup> day  
 of April, 2018.

  
 Notary Public  
 My Commission Expires:

MELANIE J. DEMAREST  
 Notary Public-Maryland  
 Howard County  
 My Commission Expires  
 February 25, 2021

**Jonathan Pearl, MD**

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**Education**

1995 B.S., Biology, University of Michigan (Magna Cum Laude)  
1999 M.D., Wayne State University School of Medicine

**Post Graduate Education and Training**

1999-2005 Residency, General Surgery, National Naval Medical Center  
2006-2007 Fellowship, Advanced Laparoscopy and Endoscopy  
Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine

**Certifications**

2006 Diplomat, General Surgery, American Board of Surgery  
2013 Lean Six Sigma, Green and Yellow Belts  
Department of Veterans Affairs  
2016 Recertification, General Surgery, American Board of Surgery

**Medical Licensures**

Inactive Indiana

Inactive      Ohio  
Active        Maryland

**Military Service**

1995-1999      Ensign, US Navy Reserve, Detroit.  
1999-2005      Lieutenant, US Navy, Bethesda, MD  
2005-2006      Lieutenant Commander, US Navy  
                  USS GEORGE WASHINGTON, Norfolk, VA  
2006-2008      Lieutenant Commander, US Navy, Bethesda  
2008-2009      Commander, US Navy  
                  Camp al Taqaddum, Iraq  
2009-2010      Commander, US Navy, Bethesda  
2010-2011      Commander, US Navy  
                  Camp Arifjan, Kuwait  
2011-2012      Commander, US Navy, Bethesda  
                  Honorable Discharge, 2012.

**Employment History**

**Academic Appointments**

2004-2005      Instructor, Surgery, Uniformed Services University  
2006-2007      Instructor, Surgery, Case Western Reserve  
2007-2012      Assistant Professor, Surgery, Uniformed Services University  
2012-2016      Assistant Professor, Surgery, UMSOM  
2016-present   Associate Professor, Surgery, UMSOM

**Profession Society Membership**

2004-present   General Member, Society of American Gastrointestinal and  
                  Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES)  
2004-2010      General Member, Washington, DC Chapter  
                  American College of Surgeons  
2007-present   Fellow, American College of Surgeons  
2010-2012      Board Member, Washington, DC Chapter  
                  American College of Surgeons  
2012-present   General Member, Association of Academic Surgery

**Honors and Awards**

1995	Phi Beta Kappa, University of Michigan
2004	First Prize, Surgical Residents Competitive Forum, Washington, DC Chapter, American College of Surgeons
2005	Harry Zehner Traveling Fellowship, Washington, DC Chapter, American College of Surgeons
2013	Surgery Resident Teaching Award, UMSOM

### **Clinical Activities**

### **Clinical Expertise**

Board certified general surgeon  
 Fellowship-trained in advanced laparoscopy and endoscopy  
 Clinical expert in complex hernia repair and advanced GI surgery  
 Research focus on advanced imaging in surgery and simulation education  
 Process and Quality Improvement expert

### **Scope of Clinical Practice**

2012-present	Baltimore VAMC ~200 cases per year Deputy Chief of Surgical Services Chief of General Surgery 87.5% FTE
2012-present	University of Maryland Medical Center ~125 cases per year 12.5% FTE
2012-present	UMMC, Midtown Campus ~125 cases per year

### **Institutional Service**

2012-2015	Medical Director, MASTRI Simulation Center Oversee staff of 3 and budget of \$600,000. Provide oversight for over 6000 learners per year in simulation center.
2012-present	Chief, Perioperative Services, Baltimore VAMC
2012-present	Member, Perioperative Executive Committee, Baltimore VAMC
2013-2016	Chair, Medical Records Committee, Baltimore VAMC

2013-present      Oversee process to reduce delinquent record rate from 55%  
to 13% over 6 months.  
2014-present      Chief, General Surgery, Baltimore VAMC  
2015-present      Interviewer, UMSOM Admissions Committee  
2015-present      Chair, Surgical Process Improvement Sub-Committee  
Baltimore VAMC  
2015-present      Member, Executive Process Improvement Committee  
Baltimore VAMC  
2015-2017      Co-Chair, UMMC Colon SSI Reduction Task Force  
2017-present      Deputy Chief, Surgical Services, Baltimore VAMC  
**National Service**

2007-present      Member, Fundamentals of Endoscopic Surgery Committee,  
SAGES  
2007-2012      Faculty Member, Basic Laparoscopy Course, SAGES  
2008-present      Member, Guidelines Committee, SAGES  
2008-present      *Ad hoc* reviewer, *Surgical Endoscopy*  
12 manuscripts reviewed per year  
2011-present      Faculty Member, Skills Course: Surgical Endoscopy:  
Advancing MIS and Retooling our Workforce  
American College of Surgeons Clinical Congress  
2013-present      *Ad hoc* reviewer, *Journal of Surgical Research*  
10 manuscripts reviewed per year  
2013-present      Member, Publications Committee  
Association of Academic Surgery  
2013-2015      Member, Open to MIS Committee, SAGES  
2013-2014      Faculty Member, CBD Exploration Skills Course, SAGES  
2013-present      Course Chair, FES Learning Center, SAGES  
2016-present      Member, Acute Care Surgery Task Force, SAGES  
2017-present      Leader, Living Guidelines Task Force, SAGES

**Local Service**

2009-2012      Chair, Young Surgeons Committee, Washington DC  
Chapter, American College of Surgeons  
2009-2012      Director, All-City Grand Rounds, Washington DC  
2010-2012      Councilor, Washington DC Chapter, American College of  
Surgeons  
2010-2012      Course Director, Resident Basic Science Review Course,  
Washington DC Chapter, American College of Surgeons

**Teaching Service****Medical Student Teaching**

2012-present	Small group lecture, Hernia, Surgery Clerkship 15 3 <sup>rd</sup> year students, 6 contact hours per year
2012-present	Skills session leader, Suturing, Surgery Clerkship 8 3 <sup>rd</sup> year students, 48 contact hours per year
2012-present	Faculty, Abdominal Examination, 10 2 <sup>nd</sup> year students, 2 contact hours per year
2012-present	Attending Surgeon, VA General Surgery: inpatient service, outpatient clinic, operating room, small group sessions 2 3 <sup>rd</sup> year medical students, 200 contact hours per year
2013-present	Faculty, Anatomy for Surgery Course 8 4 <sup>th</sup> year students, 4 contact hours per year
2013-present	Faculty, Laparoscopic Skills Session, Surgery Boot Camp, 12 4 <sup>th</sup> year medical students, 3 contact hours per year

**Resident Teaching**

2012-present	Attending Surgery, VA General Surgery; inpatient service, colonoscopy clinic, outpatient clinic, teaching sessions 2-4 surgery residents, 300 contact hours per year
2012-present	Faculty, Mock Oral Boards 2 surgery residents, 6 contact hours per year
2012-present	Basic and clinical science lecture series Hernia and Foregut sessions 16 surgery residents, 4 contact hours per year
2014-present	Simulation skills session leader Fundamentals of Laparoscopic Surgery 2-4 surgery residents, 50 contact hours/year

**Grant Support****Completed Grant**

06/01/2014-06/01/2016	Co-investigator (1%) PI: E Ritter Development of a proficiency based training program for FES SAGES Foundation Grant Total Direct Costs: \$30,000
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04/21/2014-01/21/2015

Principal Investigator (10%)  
Thermal Endoscope for Laparoscopic Surgery  
Maryland Innovation Initiative  
Maryland Technology and Development Corp  
Total Direct Costs: \$100,000

### Publications

#### Peer-reviewed journal articles

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2. Pearl J, Ramirez AR, Petruziello M, Perdue PW. Small bowel perforation after a quad cough maneuver. *J Trauma*. 2001; 51: 162-3.
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4. Pearl JP, McNally MP, Perdue PW. Femoral vessel injury in modern warfare since Vietnam. *Mil Med*. 2003; 168: 733-5.
5. Pearl JP, Chao A, Kennedy SO, Rhee P. Penetrating portal vein injury: case series. *J Trauma*. 2004; 56: 779-82.
6. Pearl JP, Parris J, Hale DA, Hoffinan SC, Bernstein WB, McCoy KL, Swanson SJ, Mannon RB, Roederer M, Kirk AD. Immunocompetent T-cells with a memory phenotype are the dominant cell type following antibody-mediated T-cell depletion. *Am J Transplant*. 2005;5(3):465-74.
7. Preston EH, Xu H, Dhanireddy KK, Pearl JP, Leopardi FV, Starost MF, Hale DA, Kirk AD. IDEC-131 (anti-CD154), sirolimus and donor-specific transfusion facilitate operational tolerance in non-human primates. *Am J Transplant*. 2005;5(5):1032-41. (*collected and analyzed data*)
8. Pearl JP, McNally MP, Elster EA, DeNobile JW. Benign pneumoperitoneum after colonoscopy: A prospective pilot study. *Mil Med*. 2006; 171(7): 648-9.
9. Marks JM, Ponsky JL, Pearl JP, McGee MF. PEG Rescue—A practical NOTES technique. *Surg Endosc* 2007. 21(5): 816-9.



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11. Duncan JE, Corwin CH, Sweeney WB, Dunne JR, DeNobile JW, Perdue PW, Galarneau MR, **Pearl JP**. Management of colorectal injuries during Operation Iraqi Freedom: Patterns of stoma usage. *J Trauma* 2008. 64(4) 1043-7.
12. **Pearl JP**, Marks JM, Hardacre JM, Ponsky JL, Delaney CP, Rosen MJ. Laparoscopic management of complex small bowel obstruction: Is it safe? *Surg Innov* 2008. 15(2) 110-113.
13. Ponsky LE, Poulouse BK, **Pearl J**, Ponsky JL. Natural orifice transluminal endoscopic surgery: reality or myth? *J Endourol*. 2009; 23(5); 733-5.
14. Crane NJ, McHone B, Hawksworth J, **Pearl JP**, DeNobile J, Tadaki D, Pinto PA, Levin IW, Elster EA. Enhanced surgical imaging: Laparoscopic vessel identification and assessment of tissue oxygenation. *J Am Coll Surg*. 2008 Jun;206(3):1159-66.
15. Hoffman SC, **Pearl JP**, Blair PJ, Kirk AD. Immune profiling: molecular monitoring in renal transplantation. *Front Biosc*. 2003; 8: 444-62.
16. **Pearl JP**, Wind GG, Ritter EM. A meandering external iliac artery: Potential doom outside the triangle. *J Am Coll Surg* 2009. 208(3): 478-9.
17. **Pearl JP**, Rosen MJ. Second-look laparoscopy after laparoscopic relief of strangulated small bowel obstruction. *Surg Laparosc Endosc Percutan Tech*. 2009 Jun;19(3):241-3.
18. Elster EA, **Pearl JP**, DeNobile JW, Perdue PW, Stojandinovich A, Liston Wa, Dunne JR. Transforming a military treatment facility into a trauma center: Lessons learned from Operation Iraqi Freedom. *ePlasty* 2009. Jul;24(1): 295-303.
19. Nikfargam M, McGee MF, Trunzo JA, Onders RP, **Pearl JP**, Poulouse BK, Chak A, Ponsky JL, Marks JM. Transgastric natural orifice transluminal endoscopic surgery peritoneoscopy in humans: a pilot study in efficacy and gastrotomy site selection by using a hybrid technique. *Gastrointest Endoscopy*. 2010; 72(2): 279-83. *(collected and analyzed data)*
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24. Lucas DJ, Glaser, JJ, **Pearl JP**. Laparoscopic distal pancreatectomy for retrieval of a proximally migrated pancreatic stent. JSLS. 2012; 16(1):169-72.
25. Ritter EM, Cox TC, Trinca KD, **Pearl JP**. Simulated Colonoscopy Objective Performance Evaluation (SCOPE): a non-computer-based tool for assessment of endoscopic skills. Surg Endosc. 2013 Nov;27(11):4073-80.
26. Trinca KD, Cox TC, **Pearl JP**, Ritter EM. Validity evidence for the Simulated Colonoscopy Objective Performance Evaluation scoring system. Am J Surg. 2014 Feb;207(2):218-25. *(analyzed data, revised manuscript)*
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**Non-peer-reviewed journal articles**

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3. **Pearl JP**, Marks JM. The future of teaching surgical endoscopy. *Surg Innov.* 2006; 13(4): 280-3.
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5. Ponsky JL and **Pearl JP**. Upper and lower endoscopy. In: Fischer JE (ed). *Mastery of Surgery*. Lippincott Williams & Wilkins. Philadelphia, PA. 2012.
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7. **Pearl JP**. Esophagus. In: Jarrell BE and Kavic SM. *NMS Surgery*, 6<sup>th</sup> ed. Lippincott Williams and Wilkins. Philadelphia. 2015.

#### **Major Invited Speeches**

#### **Local**

1. Pearl, J., Natural Orifice Surgery, DC Chapter ACS, Washington, 2007.
2. Pearl, J., New treatments for GERD, DC Chapter ACS, Washington, 2008.

**National**

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